GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ATM MACHINE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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(a) the total number of Any Time Money (ATM) facilities provided by the public sector banks in each State of the country particularly in Jharkhand State ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide more ATM facilities in rural areas of the country;

(c)ifso, the details thereof ;

(d) whether some criminals have been caught by the police, while they were about to commit dacoity in ATM machines ;

(e) if so, the steps being `taken by the Government to ensure security of ATM machines ;

(f) the districts in each State of the country having no ATM machines; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to provide ATM machines in each district of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMAN1CKAM)

(a) to (g): A statement indicating State-wise ATMs of Public Sector Banks including Jharkhand, is annexed. The policy for opening of ATMs of Banks has been liberalized and banks have been given the freedom to open ATMs at locations of their choice without seeking prior approval of RBI. Government does not give any directions to Banks for earmarking any specific region for providing ATM facilities. Under the extant Branch Authorisation Policy, weightage is being given to opening of Branches/ATMs in under banked districts and rural areas.The security aspects of ATMs are being taken care of by banks having deployed security guards at ATMs` sites. Some banks are also having electronic access control and digital video surveillance facility as an additional security measure. One or two stray incidents of attempt of dacoity have been reported so far. The banks are taking every steps for the security of ATM machines. They have also outsourced the entire servicing of ATMs on end-to-end basis and the service providers are providing unarmed security guards at many ATM centres on 24-hours basis